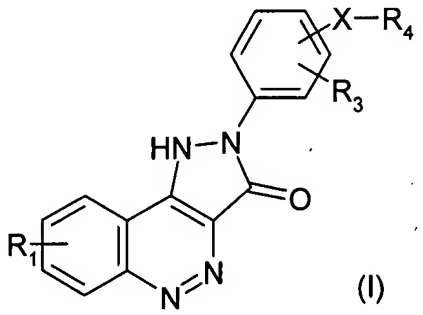
The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable salt, or hydrate ~~or solvate~~ thereof:



(I)

wherein

R_1 and R_3 independently represent H; F; Cl; Br; $-NO_2$; -CN; C_1-C_6 alkyl optionally substituted by F or Cl; or C_1-C_6 alkoxy optionally substituted by F;

R_4 represents a carboxylic acid group (-COOH) or an ester thereof, or $-C(=O)NR_6R_7$, $-NR_7C(=O)R_6$, $-NR_7C(=O)OR_6$, $-NHC(=O)NR_7R_6$ or $-NHC(=S)NR_7R_6$ wherein

R_6 represents H, or a radical of formula $-(Alk)_m$-Q wherein

m is 0 or 1

Alk is an optionally substituted divalent straight or branched C_1-C_{12} alkylene, or C_2-C_{12} alkenylene, or C_2-C_{12} alkynylene radical or a divalent C_3-C_{12} carbocyclic radical, any of which radicals may contain one or more –O-, -S- or $-N(R_8)$- links wherein R_8 represents H or C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_3-C_4 alkenyl, C_3-C_4 alkynyl, or C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, and

Q represents H; $-NR_9R_{10}$ wherein R_9 and R_{10} independently represents H; C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_3-C_4 alkenyl; C_3-C_4 alkynyl; C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl; an ester group; an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic group; or R_9 and R_{10} form a ring when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached, which ring is optionally substituted; and

R_7 represents H or C_1-C_6 alkyl; or when taken together with the atom or atoms to which they are attached R_6 and R_7 form an optionally substituted monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 5, 6 or 7 ring atoms; and

X represents a bond or a divalent radical of formula $-(Z)_n$-(Alk)- or $-(Alk)-(Z)_n$- wherein Z represents –O-, -S- or –NH-, Alk is as defined in relation to R_6 and n is 0 or 1.

2. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein the radical R_4X- is in the 4-position of the phenyl ring.

3. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein X is a bond.

4. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_3 is hydrogen.

5. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_1 is hydrogen or fluoro.

6. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_4 represents $-C(=O)NR_6R_7$.

7. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_4 represents $-NHC(=O)NR_7R_6$.

8. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 7 wherein R_6 is a quinuclidinyl radical.

9. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_6 represents a radical of formula $-(Alk)_m$-Q wherein m is 1 and the divalent radical Alk contains 3 or 4 carbon atoms and is unsubstituted, and Q represents $-NR_9R_{10}$ wherein R_9 and R_{10} independently represent H; C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_3-C_4 alkenyl; C_3-C_4 alkynyl; C_3-C_6

cycloalkyl; an ester group; an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic group; or form a ring when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached, which ring is optionally substituted.

10. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 6 wherein R_7 is hydrogen.

11. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein Q represents H; $-CF_3$; -OH; -SH; $-NR_8R_8$ wherein each R_8 independently represents H; C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_3-C_4 alkenyl; C_3-C_4 alkynyl; C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl; an ester group; an optionally substituted aryl, aryloxy, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl or heterocyclic group; or form a ring when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached; and

R_7 represents H or C_1-C_6 alkyl; or when taken together with the atom or atoms to which they are attached R_6 and R_7 form a monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 5, 6 or 7 ring atoms.

12. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 11 wherein R_4 represents a carboxylic acid group (-COOH) or an ester group of formula –COOR wherein R is methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl, n-, sec- or tert-butyl or benzyl.

13. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 11 wherein R_6 represents a radical of formula $-(Alk)_m$-Q wherein m is 1, Alk is $-CH_2$-, $-CH_2CH_2$-, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2$-, or $-CH_2CH(CH_3)CH_2$-, or a divalent cyclopropylene, cyclopentylene or cyclohexylene radical, optionally substituted by- OH, oxo, CF_3, methoxy or ethoxy, and Q represents hydrogen; $-NR_8R_8$ wherein each R_8 may be the same or different and selected from hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl or tert-butyl; a methyl, ethyl or benzyl ester; or an optionally substituted phenyl, phenoxy, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, furyl, thienyl, piperidyl, or piperazinyl group.

14. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 11 wherein R_7 represents methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl, n-, sec- or tert-butyl; or when taken

together with the atom or atoms to which they are attached R_6 and R_7 form a monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 5, 6 or 7 ring atoms;

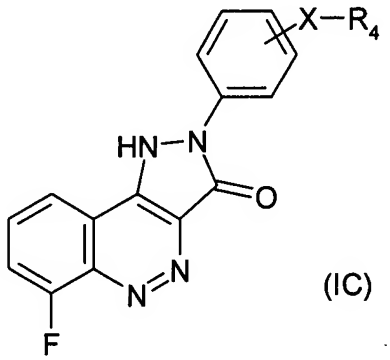
15. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 11 wherein R_1 is H, F, Cl, methyl, methoxy, or methylenedioxy.

16. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 11 wherein R_1 is F, in the 6-position of the 3-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]cinnolin-2-yl ring system.

17. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 11 wherein R_3 is H, F, Cl, methyl, methoxy, or methylenedioxy.

18. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 11 wherein X is a bond, or a $-CH_2-$ or $-CH_2CH_2-$ radical.

19. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (IC) or a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable salt, or hydrate ~~or solvate~~ thereof:



(IC)

wherein X is a bond, or a $-CH_2-$ or $-CH_2CH_2-$ radical and R_4 is a carboxylic acid group (-COOH), an ester group of formula –COOR wherein R is methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl, n-, sec- or tert-butyl or benzyl, or $-NHC(=O)NR_6R_7$ wherein R_6 represents H, or a radical of formula $-(Alk)_m-Q$ wherein

m is 0 or 1

Alk is an optionally substituted divalent straight or branched C_1-C_{12}

alkylene, or C_2-C_{12} alkenylene, or C_2-C_{12} alkynylene radical or a divalent C_3-C_{12} carbocyclic radical, any of which radicals may contain one or more –O-, -S- or –N(R_8)- links wherein R_8 represents H or C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_3-C_4 alkenyl, C_3-C_4 alkynyl, or C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, and

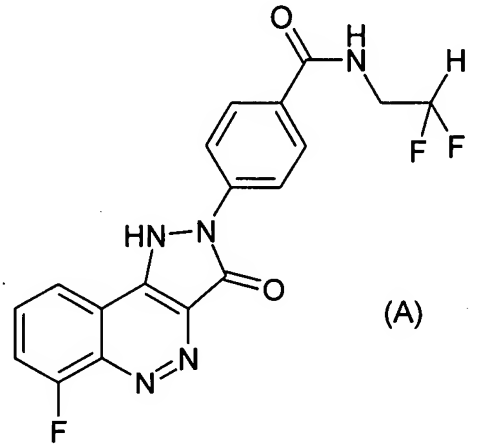
Q represents H; -NR_9R_{10} wherein R_9 and R_{10} independently represents H; C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_3-C_4 alkenyl; C_3-C_4 alkynyl; C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl; an ester group; an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic group; or R_9 and R_{10} form a ring when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached, which ring is optionally substituted; and

R_7 represents H or C_1-C_6 alkyl; or when taken together with the atom or atoms to which they are attached R_6 and R_7 form an optionally substituted monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 5, 6 or 7 ring atoms.

20. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 18 wherein the radical R_4X- is in the 4-position of the phenyl ring.

21. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 19 wherein X is a bond and R_4 is –C(=O)NR_6R_7.

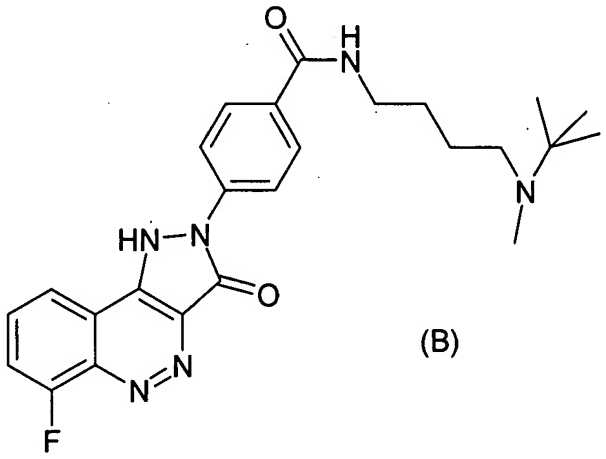
22. (Currently Amended) The compound 4-(6-fluoro-3-oxo-1,3-dihydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]cinnolin-2-yl)-N-(2,2-difluoro-ethylyl)-benzamide, of formula (A)



(A)

or a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable salt, or hydrate ~~or solvate~~ thereof.

23. (Currently Amended) The compound N-[3-(tert-butyl-methyl-amino)-butyl]-4-(6-fluoro-3-oxo-1,3-dihydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]cinnolin-2-yl)-benzamide, of formula (B):



(B)

or a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable salt, or hydrate ~~or solvate~~ thereof.

24. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable excipient or carrier.

Claims 25-29 (Canceled)